GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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JUTE PACKAGING
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to dilute the Jute Packaging Materials Act, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government received any representation against such reduction;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action proposed to protect the interest of the Jute grower, Jute worker & Jute Industry;

(f) whether import of Jute bags is increasing after the decision to serve 100% of food grains and sugar to be packed in jute packing material in case of shortage of jute bags in the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) &(b): No, Sir.

(c) &(d) : Yes, Sir. Some Members of Parliament and others have represented the Government not to introduce any concession/dilution under the JPM Act,1987 for packing food grains and sugar in Jute bags. The Government has taken a decision for 100% compulsory packging of two items viz. food grains and sugar in Jute bags during the Jute year 2006-07, to ammeliorate the condition of Jute Industry as a whole.

(e) : The Government has several schemes like Jute Manufacturers Development Committee (JDMC)'s Incentive Scheme for Modernisation of Jute Industry, Export Market Assistance Scheme, Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme, National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD)'s Jute Entrepreneurs' Assistance Scheme to protect the interest of the Jute growers, Jute workers and Jute Industry.

(f)&(g): No, Sir. While there is no increase in import of Jute bags during the preceding years, the import of raw Jute has shown a slight increase for its use in sectors other than packaging of food grains and sugar.